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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2012** **MILILANI RECREATIONAL CENTER III**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Richard Poirier called the Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 (Board) meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. **A quorum was established with 13 members present.** Note – This 23 member Board requires 12 members to establish quorum and take official Board action.

Board Members Present – Danielle Bass (arrived at 7:45 p.m.); William Bass; Shayne Chung; Michael Dau; Ann Freed; Shannon Garan (arrived at 7:47 p.m.); Keith Hamada (arrived at 7:47 p.m.); Geoff Horvath; Josie Kaanehe; Karen Loomis; Joy Marshall; Rodney Park; Richard Poirier; Charles Remington; Carole Siegel; and Douglas Thomas.

Board Members Absent – Ava Marie Cavaco; Barbara Pua Iuli; Dennis Imamura; Shareef Wang; Avlin Wong; and Mary Segura.

Vacancies – There is currently one (1) vacancy in Sub-District 1.

Guests – Captain William Melemai, Firefighters Vince Tokashiki, Ronnie Casinas, Engine 36/1 (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Gregory Osburn (Honolulu Police Department); Senator Michelle Kidani; Representative Marilyn Lee; Representative Ryan Yamane; Westley Chun (Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative); Director Jodie Maesaka-Hirata (Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative); Lori Kunioka (Councilmember Nestor Garcia's Office); Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Project); Captain Heather Robison (25th CAB); Will Kane (Mililani Town Association); David Howle (Wayland Baptist University); Nola and Uilei Frank; and Theona Kapoi (Neighborhood Commission Office).

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 25, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: **Without objection, the January 25, 2012 regular meeting minutes were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED as circulated, 13-0-0 (Aye: W. Bass, Chung, Dau, Freed, Horvath, Kaanehe, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington, Siegel, and Thomas; No: None; Abstain: None).**

COMMUNITY FORUM:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Melemai highlighted the following:

- January 2012 Statistics – Included 1 structure, 1 rubbish and 1 vehicle fire; 45 medical emergencies and 11 miscellaneous calls for service.
- Safety Tips –
 - Smoke Alarms – Smoke alarms save lives and are an important part of a home fire escape plan. Since the late 1970's, properly installed and maintained smoke alarms have contributed to a 50 percent decrease in fire deaths. According to the National Fire Protection Association, 65 percent of home fire deaths reported between 2000 and 2004 resulted from homes that had inoperable or no smoke alarms. An estimated 890 lives could be saved each year if every home contained working smoke alarms.
 - Building Identification – Building identification is critical for emergency responders to quickly identify the correct location. Due to several inquiries, the following information is being provided: 1) House numbering requirements from the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH), Chapter 2, Section 9.2(d) (2) are as follows: "All numbers shall be placed in such manner as to be readily seen from the street, roadway or lane, shall be of different color from the background on which they are placed, and shall be at least two inches in height. The number shall be placed in a permanent manner, chalk or other effaceable material not being permitted"; 2) Requirements from the Fire Code of the City and County of Honolulu (ROH Chapter 20, 1997 Uniform Fire Code, Section, 901.4.4) are as follows: "Approved numbers or addresses shall be provided for all new and existing buildings in such a position as to be plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting the property."



- Follow Up – Concern was raised last month regarding Kipapa Bridge. HFD will try not to cross the bridge due the vehicle weight limit.

Member D. Bass arrived at 7:45 p.m.; quorum of 14 members present.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Osburn distributed a handout and highlighted the following:

- January 2012 Statistics – There were 6 burglaries, 22 thefts, 10 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles, 5 auto thefts, 1 unauthorized control of a propelled vehicle, and 4 graffiti offenses.

Members Hamada and Garan arrived at 7:47 p.m.; quorum of 16 members present.

Military – Captain Heather Robinson highlight the following:

- Secretary of the Army Award – The Army recently announced US Army Garrison-Hawaii as the winner of the Secretary of the Army's 2011 "Natural Resources Conservation Team Award for the accomplishments of its Oahu Natural Resources Program/Team.
- Kahuli Tree Snails – As a part of the Army's mission to support training through environmental stewardship, Army biologists are releasing more than 300 endangered Kahuli Tree Snails to a new, one-of-its-kind snail enclosure in the heart of the Waianae Mountains. Kahuli Tree Snails are often called jewels of the forest because of their many colors. Just like precious jewels, the snails have spent almost the last two years in safekeeping.
- Deployments – 1) The 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) is currently deployed to Afghanistan for a year. The 25th CAB deployed approximately 2,600 personnel in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. For more information call 656-6663; 2) The 3rd Brigade Combat Team has approximately 3,500 troops deployed to Afghanistan for a year long deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. They will be returning to Hawaii in the spring of 2012; 3) The 8th Theatre Sustainment Command has approximately 900 Soldiers deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.
- Kunia Road Lane Closures – Motorists are advised of evening temporary lane closures on Kunia Road, just south of Schofield's Lyman Gate, due to an ongoing wastewater treatment project upgrade. For more information, call U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs at 656-3158 or 656-3159. Dates are April 17-May 16 from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – The Board was emailed a report. A representative was not available.

Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project – Pat Lee reported the following:

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) received permission to start "heavy construction" by way of a letter of no prejudice (LONP) from the federal transit administration (FTA). The letter allows the City to begin up to \$184.7 million in heavy construction with intent of federal reimbursement. The LONP allows limited heavy construction activities, including foundations and columns for the rail guideway on the first half of the alignment from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium as well as construction on the train maintenance and storage facility in Waipahu. These activities are expected to begin soon.

President Obama also included \$250 million for the Honolulu rail project in his FY2013 federal budget. This budget request, which would come from the New Starts Program for rail projects, was the largest amount for any project in the country for this year, and reflects the confidence the FTA has in Honolulu's ability to build the rail system. The City can expect to obtain a final commitment of federal funding (Full Funding Grant Agreement or FFGA) by October 2012 for the \$1.55 billion federal share of the \$5.174 billion project, which will be nearly one third of the entire construction cost. There is more than \$800 million in the financial plan for any unforeseen contingencies such as delays and \$295 million allotted for any finance charges.

The local share comes from a half-percent excise tax surcharge on Oahu which has been in effect since January 2007 and runs till December 2022. The project has received a total of \$810.4 million in general excise tax (GET) surcharge revenue so far. The GET revenues have been higher than expected because of stronger visitor arrivals. Visitors pay about 30% of the GET.

Rail will provide thousands of jobs in the construction industry, and the multiplier effect will create additional non-construction jobs and boost Hawaii's economy. Rail will infuse our economy with billions of dollars in the next

decade and be Hawaii's single-largest job creator. A side benefit from rail will be Transit Oriented Development (TOD), which creates new growth and new development around train stations.

In the next 20 years, most of Oahu's population will either live or work within the 20 mile rail corridor from Kapolei to Ala Moana. Revitalizing the urban core also takes development pressures off other parts of the island, especially for housing, and helps to "keep the country country". Rail also provides social equity: many people are too young, too old or too poor to own and operate a car, and rail will provide a better means of transportation for those groups.

These are some of the many reasons for building the rail system. For more information, please visit our website at www.honolulutransit.org or call our hotline 566-2299.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Brochures – It was clarified that the newsletters cost \$.22 and 12,555 copies of the newsletter were mailed.
2. Additional Vehicles – It was noted that within the next 25 to 30 years there may be an additional 200,000 vehicles on Oahu's road ways. With rail in place, it may reduce the vehicle number on the roadways by 40,000.
3. Job Creation – It was noted that many jobs will be created in the Kapolei area. By having the job creation in Kapolei, traffic will not be predominant in one direction. With the growth rate of Kapolei there will be many options for leeward and even North Shore residents to work in Kapolei.
4. Without Rail – It was commented that rail will not help alleviate traffic. However, it was noted that without rail, the traffic could be much worse.
5. Data – Concern was raised about estimated commuter travel time. Lee noted that he will follow up with the concern.
6. Rail Type – It was noted that the rail system is a light metro system. Light rail has smaller train cars and uses electric power.

Community Concerns – Mililani Town Association (MTA) President Will Kane reminded residents about turning in their MTA ballots. Kane also invited residents to the "Eat the Street" festivities on March 17, 2012 between 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. It was noted that this time around there will be lots of parking and shuttles to bring festivity goers to and from the main area of "Eat the Street."

Recognition –

- Douglas Thomas – Chair Poirier, on behalf of the Board, recognized Board Member Douglas Thomas for his excellent work as a JROTC teacher at Kaimuki High School. He has been recognized as an outstanding teacher for the 2010 to 2011 school year.
- Nola Frank – Chair Poirier, on behalf of the Board, recognized Nola Frank for her service to the Mililani/Waipio/Melemau Neighborhood Board as a Neighborhood Assistant for the past 10 years. A certificate of appreciation and many leis were presented to Frank. Senator Kidani also thanked Frank for her service as she is one of the most knowledgeable members on the Neighborhood Commission Office staff.

Without objection the Chair requested to take care of some Board housekeeping items.

Kapoi was introduced as the assistant for the evening.

Chair Poirier noted that he received a letter from the NCO regarding Board Member Shayne Chung's accumulation of three (3) absences. **Remington moved, Freed seconded that the Mililani/Waipio/Melemau Neighborhood Board No. 25 add Board Member Shayne Chung's absences to the agenda for discussion. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 16-0-0 (Aye: D. Bass, W. Bass, Chung, Dau, Freed, Garan, Hamada, Horvath, Kaanehe, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington, Siegel, and Thomas; No: None; Abstain: None).**

Board Member Chung's Absences – Board Member Chung informed the Board that he would like to remain on the Board. He had a conflicting work schedule that he was able to straighten out and will be able to attend the remaining Board meetings.

Without objection, the Mililani/Waipio/Melemau Neighborhood Board No. 25 retained Board Member Shayne Chung to serve as a member of the Board, 16-0-0 (Aye: D. Bass, W. Bass, Chung, Dau, Freed, Garan, Hamada, Horvath, Kaanehe, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington, Siegel, and Thomas; No: None; Abstain: None).

The agenda resumed order with Item IV, PUBLIC FORUM.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Wayland Baptist University – Dr. David Howle distributed a brochure to the Board and highlighted the following:

- New Location – Dr. Howle informed the Board that the Wayland Baptist University (WBU) has moved from its former location in the Aiea Town Center to the former Castle and Cooke sales center in Mililani. The physical address of the main office is 95-1091 Ainamakua Drive, Mililani, HI 96789. The best part about the new location is that WBU can hear the community needs and be able to try to do something about it.
- History – WBU began more than a century ago by Dr. and Mrs. James Henry Wayland who respected the life-altering value of education. WBU opened its doors in Hawaii about 30 years ago with mission to educate students in an academically challenging, learning-focused and distinctively Christian environment for professional success and service to God and humankind.
- Courses – It was noted that the prior focus of WBU has been on military personnel. However, WBU has been looking to address the needs of the civilian population. There are 3, 5, and 10 week class terms. High School Juniors and Seniors, if qualified, may also take concurrent courses and pay one third of the tuition.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. High School Students – Dr. Howle clarified that the program is different than High School students taking Advanced Placement courses because it also gives the students the college experience for better preparation into the transition.
2. Minimum Age – The minimum age for students to attend the college is 20. The college would like to develop into a traditional degree program; however there are huge challenges to do so. Right now, the college has focused courses for students hoping to receive their Bachelors of Applied Science (BAS) degree.
3. Comments – It was commented that the new space is nice and it is encouraged that all residents visit the campus. The one thing that is different about this space as opposed to the space in Aiea is a place for students to get together and get to know one another. It was also commented that the school has outstanding professors. The faculty does not teach for the money, but because they are dedicated to education.

2012 Hawaii State Legislature – Without objection, the Senators and Representatives gave their monthly report after they spoke about the 2012 Hawaii State Legislature.

Senator Michelle Kidani – Senator Kidani noted that the 2012 Legislative Session has completed 23 days of the 60. The discussions have been lasting a lot longer and have been harder on all. It was noted that some Bills of importance are Senate Bill (SB) 2012, SB 2484, SB 2483, SB 2484, SB 2486, SB 2487, SB 2489, and SB 2950. SB 2012 is a flagship Bill that is to Invest in Hawaii Act of 2012. This has the potential to create anywhere from 4,000 to 6,000 jobs statewide. This Bill is designed to address the backlog of repair and maintenance work at State facilities that has been accumulating for years. This Bill does so by authorizing general obligation bonds totaling \$500 million to fund the work. It also amends procurement laws to make sure the work can begin almost immediately once the bill becomes law.

- Monthly Report – Senator Kidani distributed a report and highlighted the following:
 - Representative Sam Lee – Senator Kidani wanted to honor former Representative Sam Lee for all the work he has done for Mililani. It was noted that the community lost the voice of a remarkable advocate earlier in the month.
 - Mililani High School (MHS) Marching Band – It was commented that the MHS Marching Band will tour Italy in March.
 - Colonel Keith Tamashiro – Senator Kidani congratulated Colonel Tamashiro, a Mililani Mauka resident and Mililani Mauka Board Member for completing a successful assignment as Commander of the Hawaii Army National Guard 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

- Colonel Ken Hara – Senator Kidani congratulated Colonel Hara, a Mililani Mauka resident for becoming the new Combat Team Commander.
- Scott Kaneshiro – Senator Kidani congratulated Kaneshiro for the winning design label for a Hawaii Special Edition SPAM can. Kaneshiro won a small cash prize and a year's supply of the product itself.
- MHS Boys Soccer – Senator Kidani congratulated the MHS Boys Soccer team for recently winning the OIA varsity championships.
- Cub Scout Pack 564 – The Cub Scout Pack 564 held a successful Blue and Gold Banquet celebration. This banquet recognizes significant accomplishment in the development of leadership skills.
- Wayland Baptist University – Senator Kidani noted that she attend the dedication ceremony in January and welcomes them to the community.
- Capitol Events – It was noted that March 2nd there will be an "Art at the Capitol" event. March 27th through 30th will be the Hawaiian Caucus Week. March 28th will recognize Hawaii service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice at ceremonies that include presentation of the State of Hawaii Medal of Honor.

Representative Marilyn Lee – The Women's Legislative Caucus (WLC) held a press conference to announce its 2012 legislative package. This year is dedicated to women veterans and also includes recognition of the Fisher House, which provides free or low cost lodging to veterans and military families receiving treatment at military medical centers. Representative Lee also noted House Bills (HB) 2024, HB 2025, and HB 2106.

- Monthly Report – Representative Lee distributed a report and highlighted that many of the items she introduced did not become a Bill. She also noted that the MTA is working with Solar City to bring people together.

Representative Ryan Yamane – Representative Yamane apologized for arriving at last month's meeting as it adjourned. Representative Yamane noted that his Bills become the first, second, and fourth laws for 2012. Act 1 – Relating to organ transplants will provide Queen's Medical Center with funding to quickly launch a new transplant center to replace the facility at Hawaii Medical Center. Act 2 – Relating to Funding for UH Medical School reauthorizes the John A. Burns School of Medicine to use a portion of the Hawaii tobacco settlement fund to support the medical school train and graduate new doctors in Hawaii. Representative Yamane also notes HB 1953, HB 2035, HB 2113, HB 2273, HB 2375, and HB 2665.

- Monthly Report – Representative Yamane distributed a report and noted that he has put in requests for community capital improvement projects. It was also noted that with the proposed State reapportionment the Mililani area will have four State Representatives.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative – Director Jodie Maesaka-Hirata reported the following:

- State of the State Address – Governor Abercrombie delivered his second State of the State address on January 23, 2012.
- Proposed Initiatives – There are various initiatives that are being proposed which include: 1) Emergency appropriations for a \$1.8 million grant to support the National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii, in light of the closure of the Hawaii Medical Center hospitals; 2) Investing \$1.4 million to establish aging and disabilities resource centers; 3) Investing \$1 million toward early childhood education and health initiatives; 4) Making the TV and Film Tax Credit permanent; 5) Investing \$5 million toward the preservation and protections of the State's watersheds; 6) Support for an undersea cable to connect the island grids for stable, reliable electricity between islands; 7) Improvements to the criminal justice system; 8) Continuing to work with the legislature to identify and approve Capital Improvement Projects (CIP).
- Internet Speed Test – A new website that will allow Hawaii's internet users to determine their computer or electronic device's internet speed has been launched by the State. Collected data will assist the State in identifying and closing gaps in service through the islands. Visit www.hawaiispeedtest.net to the test.
- Boards and Commissions – Applications are being accepted for service on numerous boards and commissions; to apply for a commission or board visit www.hawaii.gov/gov.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Connecting Sidewalks – It was noted that in 2009-2010, the Legislature appropriated \$2.5 million to connect existing sidewalks in Mililani, Kamehameha Highway, Lanikuhana Avenue and North of Meheula Parkway. It was noted that the Governor's Office has not released the funds to the State Department of Transportation for the project to be completed.

Mayor's Peter Carlisle's Representative – Director Chun responded to the previous month's concerns:

- Street Lights – It was noted that the 24 hour hotline to report malfunctioning streets lights is 768-5300. Should you call between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.; a live person will answer the phone Monday through Friday.
- No Left Turn Sign – It was noted that the prohibited left sign at this location is in effect Monday, through Friday between 1500 to 1800 hours (excluding holidays). These are City and County of Honolulu signs. Patrol officers have conducted enforcement in this area in the past and citations were issued. From 2-13 thru 2-15-2012, two citations were issued, and enforcement efforts is ongoing.
- Fencing – It was noted that the fence between Mililani-Waena Elementary School and the Waena Park volleyball and tennis courts were put up by the school on the school property. Should residents have further inquires, they should contact the school principal at 627-7300.
- Kahiku and Newe Place Road Repairs – It was noted that these streets have been identified as in need of resurfacing and will be included in Rehabilitation of Localized Streets, Phase 8A and Phase 9 respectively, scheduled to bid advertise later this year.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Mililani Street Parking – Concern was raised about the City being able to assist with on-street parking along Kuahelani Avenue and across Hokuahiahi Park in Mililani. A suggestion was made to have a designated parking lane with hash mark as they do on Likini Street in the Salt Lake area.
2. Site Visit – Director Chun indicated that he would be willing to meet with some of the residents regarding the request for resurfacing of Kuahelani Ave, between Kipapa Drive and Meheula Parkway. This street was determined to be in fair condition and is not currently included in a street rehabilitation project.
3. Mililani Transit Center Meeting Room – A concern was raised about the purpose of that space and if members of the public are able to reserve times to use the space. The community wanted to find out when they would begin to have access to this space.
4. No Left Turn Sign – The question still remained regarding the "no left turn" sign on Lanikuhana by Assaggio's and Ruby Tuesday. Why was the sign installed? With so many infractions and no enforcement, why even have the sign? Should a traffic signal be installed instead?

Councilmember Nestor Garcia – Lori Kunioka distributed a report and highlighted the following:

- City Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Partners with Medical Center – Heart disease is the number one cause of death in Hawaii, killing more than 2,300 residents in 2009. The difference between life and death can be a matter of minutes in the treatment and care of cardiac patients. To provide a more seamless and efficient transition in transporting patients to hospitals, the City's EMS Division partnered with the Queen's Medical Center to implement an innovative tool to assist emergency cardiac patients on Oahu.
- Camping Permit System Now On-Line – The City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will implement an online camping permit reservation system on March 9, 2012. Camping permit are issued two weeks in advance and this new application will allow users to apply online for individual campsites in the City's 17 parks that allow camping.
- 311 Smart Phone Reporting System – The City announced the launch of "Honolulu 311," a new system through which the public may use personal smart phones to report abandoned vehicles, broken street lights, illegal dumping and other issues.
- Traffic Light – It was noted that the traffic light at Lanikuhana Avenue is pending funding.

Senator Michelle Kidani – Senator Kidani's report was previously addressed.

Representative Marilyn Lee – Representative Lee's report was previously addressed.

Representative Ryan Yamane – Representative Yamane's report was previously addressed.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:

Publicity/Public Relations Committee – Committee Chair Freed noted that she gave each board member a complimentary ticket to the Mozart Festival happening at the UH auditorium on Sunday, February 26, 2012.

Chair's Report – Chair Poirier noted that he and three other Board members attended a briefing and site visit for Neighborhood Board Members at the new University of Hawaii West Oahu (UHWO). It was noted that the facilities are immaculate and the Chair may ask the Chancellor of UHWO to give a presentation to the Board.

There were no other committee updates to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Certificate in Remembrance and Tribute to Sam Lee (1931-2012) – Board Member D. Bass read a resolution to honor Sam Lee (see attachment 1). **Without objection, the Mililani/Waipio/Melelanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 ADOPTED the resolution titled Certificate – In Tribute to Sam Sang How Lee, 16-0-0 (Aye: D. Bass, W. Bass, Chung, Dau, Freed, Garan, Hamada, Horvath, Kaanehe, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington, Siegel, and Thomas; No: None; Abstain: None).**

Chair Poirier also graced the audience with his memories of Sam Lee (see attachment 2). A third letter of condolence was signed on behalf of the Neighborhood Commission Office by Executive Secretary Tom Heinrich and Chair Poirier on behalf of the Mililani/Waipio/Melelanu Neighborhood Board No. 25.

Representative Marilyn Lee accepted the certificate and letters thanking the Board and community for their thoughts and well wishes after the passing of her late husband. Representative Lee noted that although the Community recognizes her husband's role in what has made Mililani what it is, she stated that he could not have it without the help of the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

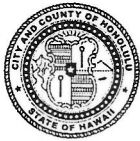
Next Meeting – The next Mililani/Waipio/Melelanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at 7:30 p.m., at the Mililani Recreational Center III, 95-281 Kaloapau Street.

Olelo Community Television Broadcasts – A video recording of this Board meeting is shown on Olelo Focus 49, every second Thursday at 9:00 a.m. and on Olelo Views 54, every first and third Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Submitted By:
Theona Kapoi
Neighborhood Commission Office

Reviewed By:
Richard Poirier, Chair
Mililani/Waipio/Melelanu Neighborhood Board No. 25



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Certificate

In Tribute to
Sam Sang Hoy Lee (1930 – 2012)

It is with fond memories and profound, deep appreciation that we recognize the professional and personal civic contributions of the late Representative Sam Sang Hoy Lee to the people of Hawaii.

Sam Sang Hoy Lee will be forever remembered for his dedication to the betterment of the community of Mililani and to public service for the great state of Hawaii.

Born and raised in Kalihi and a graduate of Saint Louis School, Sam Lee continued his education at the University of Missouri and became a Fulbright Fellow through Yale University, receiving his master's degree in international relations.

Following his passion for public service, Sam Lee entered the Foreign Service in 1955, serving as a diplomat in Sicily, Germany, Yugoslavia, Vietnam, Korea, the Philippines, and Taiwan. Upon his retirement from the Foreign Service, he and his family moved to Oahu's newly master-planned community, Mililani Town, in 1981.

His commitment to public service continued well after his retirement to his new home of Mililani where he served on the Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu Neighborhood Board from 1983 to 1987, tirelessly advocating for the people of Mililani Town.

As Chair of Neighborhood Board No. 25, Sam led a successful fight to have Mililani's developer clean the community's water wells of agricultural pesticides which resulted in Mililani receiving an All-American City award in 1986.

As a strong community leader, Sam Lee expanded his commitment to the people of Mililani by serving as Mililani Town's State Representative from 1986-1996.

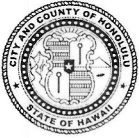
His leadership abilities, breadth of experience, and devotion to public duty enabled him to serve with distinction for ten years as the Chairman of the Higher Education committee as well as other legislative committees focusing on economic development, trade with Asia, and high until he retired in 1996.

Therefore, Neighborhood Board #25 hereby pays tribute to Sam Lee in remembrance for his exemplary service and dedication to the Mililani community and extends a warmest Mahalo to his wife Marilyn, current State Representative of Mililani Town, his sons, John, Thomas, and Andrew, and his daughter, Kammy, for allowing Sam to serve the people of Mililani.

Adopted by unanimous consent by Neighborhood Board No. 25 at its regular meeting of February 22, 2012.

Richard G. Poirier, Chair





SAM LEE REMEMBERED

My name is Dick Poirier. I am Chair of Neighborhood Board No. 25 and a resident of Mililani for over 40 years.

The continuing success of any community depends upon dedicated individuals whose roots are deeply embedded in the planning for and culture of that community. Sam Lee was such an individual.

Sam loved our Town. He was a community advocate in the truest sense of the word. To that end, he passionately campaigned on behalf of the community's best interest, at times much to the dismay of politicians, developers, and bureaucrats.

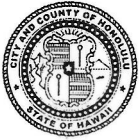
He was a long-standing member of our neighborhood board, having served from 1983 to 1987. His biggest accomplishment as Board Chair was his handling of the issue of agricultural pesticides in our water wells. The problem was first identified at one of our Board meetings based on a remark made-in-passing by then Representative Patsy Mink. At that meeting, she stated that she heard that the State Department of Health had known for 14 years that Mililani's drinking water was contaminated. This led to a serious and extensive blame-game reaction on the part of DOH, the Board of Water Supply, the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the developer as to who was responsible for this tragedy.



It was at this point that Sam gave new meaning to Mahatma Gandhi's famous dictum that "If the people lead, the leaders will follow." Keeping his cool, he insisted that the bickering stop and that the problem be resolved. Because of his persistence and tenacity, the problem was properly and successfully addressed ranging from the use of interim water trucks to the eventual digging of new wells and the provision of a carbon filter system. Sam's handling of this crucial community issue was instrumental in Mililani receiving a prestigious All-American City award given by the National Civic League in 1986.

On a personal note, Sam was a friend, a colleague, and a mentor. He was a pundit without being pedantic; a policy wonk as well as a political junkie. He was intellectually curious and engaging, but always humble. He cherished his family, his community, public discourse, and all things Chinese.

Sam Sang Hoy Lee serves as a fitting example to the rest of us and has set a standard of public service and community caring that will be difficult to meet. He will be both missed but not long forgotten.



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**MESSAGE FROM THE MILILANI / WAIPIO / MELEMANU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD
AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION OFFICE IN REMEMBRANCE OF
SAMUEL S. H. LEE**

On behalf of the residents of Central O'ahu and the City and County of Honolulu, the Mililani / Waipio / Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 and the Neighborhood Commission Office extend their deepest condolences to State of Hawai'i Representative Marilyn B. Lee and family upon the passing of Samuel S. H. Lee.

Sam Lee was an energetic and selfless leader of our community since 1981, following a 26-year career as a diplomat with the United States Foreign Service. He served as a member of the Mililani Neighborhood Board from 1983 to 1987, and as a member of the State of Hawai'i House of Representatives from 1986 to 1996.

Sam was devoted to his family and service for the public good. He generously gave of his time and energy to provide informed and passionate leadership for our island community. Through the years, his strength, wisdom, and guidance provided inspiration to his family, friends, and colleagues. A long-time resident of Mililani, Sam cared deeply for the present and future well-being and opportunities of our people. He will be deeply missed by those whose lives he touched.

Our heartfelt *mahalo* and *aloha nui loa* to Samuel S. H. Lee for his contributions to our community, and in recognition of a life well-lived. Our gratitude to Marilyn Lee and family for sharing Sam with all of us. Let us well-remember the spirit and character of Sam Lee.

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